

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

HUIFANG ZHANG, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-1211-TL-SKV

AMENDED ORDER SETTING  
TRIAL DATE AND RELATED  
DATES

Having reviewed the Joint Status Report submitted by the parties on February 15, 2022, Dkt. 47, the Court hereby sets this case for trial before the Honorable Tana Lin and orders the following amended pretrial schedule:

Event	Date
JURY TRIAL SET FOR 9:00 a.m. on	<b>2/27/2023</b>
Length of trial	2-3 days
Disclosure of expert testimony under FRCP 26(a)(2) due	7/27/2022
Disclosure of rebuttal expert testimony under FRCP 26(a)(2) due	8/26/2022
All motions related to discovery must be filed by	8/29/2022
Discovery completed by	9/27/2022

1	All dispositive motions and motions challenging expert witness testimony must be filed by this date ( <i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	10/27/2022
2	Settlement Conference, if mediation has been requested by the parties per LCR 39.1, held no later than	11/28/2022
3	Mediation per LCR 39.1, if requested by the parties, held no later than	12/27/2022
4	All motions in limine must be filed by	1/23/2023
5	Agreed LCR 16.1 Pretrial Order due	2/6/2023
6	Trial briefs, proposed voir dire questions, proposed jury instructions, deposition designations, and exhibit lists due by this date. Counsel are to confer and indicate with their submissions which exhibits are agreed to.	2/13/2023
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8	Pretrial conference scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on	2/20/2023
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11 The dates set forth in this Order are firm dates that can be changed only by order of the  
12 Court, not by agreement of counsel for the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon  
13 good cause shown. Failure to complete discovery within the time allowed is not recognized as  
14 good cause. If any of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a  
15 weekend or federal holiday, the act or event shall be performed on the next business day.  
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17 If the trial date assigned to this matter creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must  
18 notify Deputy Clerk Kadya Peter in writing within ten (10) days of the date of this Order and  
19 must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be deemed a waiver.  
20 Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be understood that  
21 the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.  
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### 23 PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

24 The parties and counsel are encouraged to advise the Court of their pronouns and  
25 honorifics (such as Ms., Mx., or Mr.) and may do so in signature lines or by advising the in-  
court deputy clerk before a hearing begins, either via email or in person.

1 The Court encourages parties and counsel to be mindful of opportunities for new lawyers  
2 (practicing less than seven years) to conduct hearings before the Court, especially where these  
3 lawyers drafted or significantly contributed to motions and responses. The Court is aware that  
4 having a new lawyer appear may not be appropriate or in the client's best interest in all instances.  
5 Therefore, an experienced attorney may supplement a new lawyer's arguments and witness  
6 examination questions with their own if necessary.

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8 Judge Vaughan does not automatically schedule oral argument upon request. The parties  
9 will be contacted if, after reviewing the briefing, Judge Vaughan believes oral argument will be  
10 helpful in resolving the motion.

11 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, a paper copy of the following electronically filed  
12 documents (including the Notice of Electronic Filing) must be marked as a "JUDGE'S COPY"  
13 and delivered to the Clerk's Office within three business days after the electronic filing:  
14 dispositive motions and motions for injunctive relief (including all related documents); Social  
15 Security administrative records; and any other documents (including all related documents) that,  
16 in the aggregate, are in excess of 50 pages.

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18 All counsel and unrepresented parties should review Judge Vaughan's web page for  
19 further procedural information applicable to cases before Judge Vaughan. Judge Vaughan's web  
20 page, in addition to the Local Rules, Electronic Filing Procedures for Civil and Criminal Cases,  
21 court forms, instruction sheets, and General Orders, can be found on the Court's website at  
22 [www.wawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov).

### 23 **COOPERATION**

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25 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by agreement if  
possible. Judge Vaughan strongly encourages parties to make every effort to resolve discovery

1 disputes without the Court's intervention. The Court strictly construes the meet and confer  
2 requirements. To the extent motions practice is necessary, Judge Vaughan encourages parties to  
3 take advantage of the expedited discovery dispute procedures described in Local Civil Rule  
4 (LCR) 37(a)(2). This approach may resolve the dispute in an expedient manner and avoid the  
5 extra costs associated with motions practice. The moving party must make reasonable efforts to  
6 have all parties to the discovery dispute participate in contacting the Court to request a  
7 telephonic motion. *See* LCR 7(i). Counsel may contact Stefanie Prather, Courtroom Deputy, by  
8 email at stefanie\_prather@wawd.uscourts.gov or by telephone at (206) 370-8420 to arrange a  
9 telephone conference with the Court.  
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11 Counsel are also directed to cooperate in preparing the final pretrial order in the format  
12 required by LCR 16.1, except as ordered below.

### 13 EXHIBITS

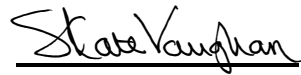
14 The original and two copies of the trial exhibits are to be delivered to Judge Lin's  
15 chambers five days before the trial date. Each exhibit shall be clearly marked. The Court hereby  
16 alters the LCR 16.1 procedure for numbering exhibits: Plaintiff(s)' exhibits shall be numbered  
17 consecutively beginning with P-1; defendant(s)' exhibits shall be numbered consecutively  
18 beginning with D-1. Joint exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with J-1.  
19 Duplicate documents shall not be listed twice. Each exhibit shall be printed double-sided unless  
20 there is a specific need to not do so. Once a party has identified an exhibit in the pretrial order, it  
21 may be used by any party. Each set of exhibits shall be submitted in a three-ring binder with  
22 appropriately numbered tabs.  
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**SETTLEMENT**

If this case settles, plaintiff's counsel shall notify Stefanie Prather at (206) 370-8420 or via email at: [Stefanie\\_Prather@wawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Stefanie_Prather@wawd.uscourts.gov), as soon as possible. Pursuant to LCR 11(b), an attorney who fails to give the Deputy Clerk prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the Court deems appropriate. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to all parties of record.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2022.



S. KATE VAUGHAN  
United States Magistrate Judge